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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 230  
By Kent

A RESOLUTION to commend Tom “Black Cat” Reilly on his 68th Anniversary as an employee with the *Nashville Banner*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Tom “Black Cat” Reilly, is one such outstanding person who has served with acumen for 68 years as a newspaper salesman with the *Nashville Banner*; and

WHEREAS, a familiar face in the halls of the legislature, “Black Cat” Reilly can be seen daily with a shopping cart and radio in hand, walking the halls of the Legislative Plaza, War Memorial Building and the Capitol selling his newspapers; and

WHEREAS, “Black Cat” Reilly is recognized as the most successful newspaper salesman on the *Banner*’s staff today and has been referred to by one *Banner* editor as “the last of the old great newspaper men who sells a paper the way it’s supposed to be sold”; and

WHEREAS, this outgoing and popular character who sells souvenirs as well as newspapers, “Black Cat” Reilly is an energetic businessman who has worked the annual county fair and the Nashville Sounds games as well as the state legislature for many fruitful years; and

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WHEREAS, during his tenure, "Black Cat" has not only provided an everlasting supply of the *Nashville Banner* to the legislators as well as to their staffs, but is always ready with a kind word; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby acknowledge the outstanding service of our newspaper salesman and friend, Tom "Black Cat" Reilly, and commend him on his 68th Anniversary with the *Nashville Banner*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Mr. Tom "Black Cat" Reilly is hereby declared to retain the honorary member status bestowed upon him during the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly with all the rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.